

WEST SCRANTON

THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE

UNION SERVICES IN PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Sermon Was Preached by Rev. James Benninger of the Hampton Street M. E. Church—Others Who Participated in the Services—Donations at the West Side Hospital—Chicken Thieves in Keyser Valley—Other News Notes and Personals.

A representative assemblage attended the union Thanksgiving service in the Plymouth Congregational church yesterday morning, when the members of several congregations gathered in observance of the day. The service was opened with the singing of the doxology, and prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., of the Jackson Street Baptist church. The president's proclamation was read by Rev. J. B. Street, D. D., pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. J. P. Moffat, D. D., of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, read the Scripture lesson.

After a prayer by Rev. S. P. Matthews, of the First Baptist church, and a hymn by the congregation, the Thanksgiving sermon was preached by Rev. James Benninger, of the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church. His text was taken from the fiftieth psalm and the fourteenth verse, "Offer thanksgiving to God and pay thy vows unto the most high." The sermon was appropriate to the occasion, and the speaker thought we should give thanks for the vast territory newly acquired, the industrial progress of the country, the growing harmony of science and religion, the unity of the different denominations and family blessings.

The sermon was instructive and helpful, and was thoroughly appreciated by all who were present to hear it. Rev. E. A. Boyd, of Plymouth church, spoke in behalf of the Young Women's Christian association work in West Scranton, and a special offering was taken up for the association.

The regular Thanksgiving services were held yesterday at St. Mark's Lutheran church, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Ramer. Special services were also conducted at St. David's Episcopal church by the rector, Rev. E. J. McHenry.

Thanksgiving Family Reunion.
One of the most enjoyable family

ABOUT THIS TIME LOOK OUT FOR COUGHS AND COLDS
TAKE
DUFOR'S FRENCH TAR.

WATCH THIS SPACE TOMORROW FOR DETAILS OF A HALF PRICE SALE IN LADIES' FASHIONABLE NECKWEAR, OR YOU CAN FIND ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW IN THE EVENING PAPERS OF THIS DATE.

Globe Warehouse

gatherings of yesterday was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Benninger, on South Ninth street, when the latter's father, John W. Colborn, gathered around him eighteen of his sons and grandchildren.

The occasion was a pleasurable event in many respects, and all present entered into the spirit of the event with much enjoyment.

Summoned to Philadelphia.
Mrs. A. G. Holl, of 216 South Hyde Park avenue, was informed late Wednesday night of the serious illness of her father in Philadelphia. She left at 5 o'clock yesterday morning for Philadelphia, accompanied by her two children and brother-in-law, Paul Holl.

Druggist G. W. Jenkins received a message yesterday that the old gentleman died during the day.

Two Funerals Yesterday.
A high mass of requiem was celebrated at Holy Cross church yesterday morning over the remains of the late Mrs. James Xonne, of Railroad avenue. The interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lena Shiffer was largely attended yesterday morning at St. John's German Catholic church. The remains were interred in the German Catholic cemetery.

Donations to the Hospital.
The West Side hospital was generously remembered yesterday by friends. The following donations were received, for which the attendants desire to return thanks:

Mrs. Phillips, turkey and vegetables; William Trostel, turkey; Ralph Williams, a little patient in the hospital, turkey; Mrs. Lewis Morse, box of crackers, cranberries and vegetables; Mrs. Richard Reese, fruit; Ambulance Fund, sugar, coffee and olives; Mrs. Saunders, pie.

Family Sorely Afflicted.
Death has visited the family of Henry J. Davis, of 355 North Lincoln avenue, three times within the past three months. First, Mrs. Davis died, then an infant child passed away, and yesterday Edward, aged twenty years, succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever.

The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction. The funeral of Edward will be announced later.

Chicken Thieves in Keyser Valley.
Residents of the Keyser Valley are complaining bitterly of chicken thieves, who have been operating in that vicinity of late. A number of henhouses have been visited and some valuable stock carried away.

Milkman David Price, of Keyser avenue, is a heavy loser as a result of these depredations, and the thieves have even gone so far as to dig up potatoes in the gardens and carry them away.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.
Ground was broken yesterday for the foundation of the new Patriotic Order

Sons of American building on North Main avenue.

The Young People's Dancing class will meet tonight in Mears hall. Hon. John F. Reynolds, wife and children, of Carbonate, were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds, of South Summer avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Green, of Syracuse, N. Y., spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. William Price, sr., of South Main street.

Charles Edwin Sweet, of Syracuse university, son of Rev. J. B. Sweet, is spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal parsonage.

Rev. David Evans, of Sterling, Pa., was the guest of Rev. J. B. Sweet during the first of the week.

The members and friends of Simpson church are making very complete plans for the entertainment of the twentieth century convention to be held in their church on Monday and Tuesday next.

Miss Lydia Jones, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, of Academy street.

An oyster supper was served last evening at the home of Mrs. Phillips, on North Eleventh avenue, by the Baptist Young People's union of the First Baptist church. A graphophone entertainment was also a feature of the event.

A large number of young people attended the sunrise prayer meeting in the Washburn Street Presbyterian church yesterday morning. The meeting was led by Rev. Frank J. Milman, of the Summer Avenue Presbyterian church.

The young people of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, which is social in the lecture hall last evening, which proved to be an enjoyable event.

The newly-elected officers of the Washburn street Bible school are: Superintendent, W. T. Burall; assistants, R. J. Williams, E. A. Green; secretary, M. G. Dimmitt; assistant, Herbert Waters, William Reithner; treasurer, F. H. Thornton; librarian, A. E. Morse; assistants, Bruce Beece, W. A. Williams, Harry Niemeyer, Walter Evans, Edith Hutton; chorister, D. A. Stone; pianist, Mrs. W. S. Bevan; assistant, Miss Gertrude Barrowman.

St. Cecilia's Total Abstinence society held their annual entertainment and dance in Mears hall last evening. A programme consisting of songs, recitations, and musical selections was rendered. The star orchestra furnished the dance music.

NORTH SCRANTON NOTES.
Union Thanksgiving Services Conducted in Methodist Episcopal Church—Other Notes.

The union Thanksgiving Day services in North Scranton were held yesterday morning at the Providence Methodist Episcopal church, and were in charge of the pastor of that church, Rev. G. A. Cure. A large congregation, representing the Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Baptist denominations, was present. On the pulpit platform were seated Revs. Mr. Cure, Rev. J. B. Street, D. D., and Rev. G. A. Cure. A large congregation, representing the Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Baptist denominations, was present.

The services opened with the singing by the congregation of "From all that dwell beneath the skies, let the Creator's praises arise," followed by which Rev. G. A. Cure read Psalm 100 and 147 as a Scripture lesson, and Rev. R. W. Clymer offered prayer.

The anthem, "Trust in the Lord," was rendered by the choir. A collection in behalf of the Home for the Friendless was taken and the congregation united in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Rev. R. G. Reese, pastor of the Puritan Congregational church, then preached the sermon of the day. His text was Matt. xiii: 35, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

His subject was "Supreme Thanks for the Spiritual Leaven of the Kingdom of Heaven." In the course of his sermon, Rev. Mr. Reese said: "We should be thankful for the prosperity of our country; thankful for the quiet manner in which the great political campaign was conducted. We can thank God that we are living in an age of splendid opportunities and stirring activities. We can thank God that we are living in the best land and under the best government in the world. But supremely we thank God for the spiritual leaven of His kingdom."

"His leavening influence is felt in all directions. First, in the manifestation of our people in sending their children to the Sunday school. Millions of boys and girls are constantly coming under its benign influence. Again, this leaven of the kingdom is seen in the literature of our land. More religious journals and books are published than ever. The Bible surpasses all other publications. We have often heard the assertion that the Bible is losing its hold upon the people, but it is not true.

"Again, we see the influence of the spiritual leaven in the realm of woman. It has elevated woman to the sphere she holds today, and the day should not be far off when she will be given the right of franchise co-equal with man and will assert that privilege for the future glory of the nation, the state and the home. Again, we see the leavening influence of the kingdom of heaven in the growing unity of Christians. Denominationalism fades and crumbles away before the kingdom of heaven.

"All evangelical bodies will work together for the salvation of man. We see also the leaven of interest among our young people as never before. A few days past, Philadelphia had 17,000 delegates of a young people's society gathered there, magnifying and praising God. We may be clad in different paraphernalia, but let us stand side by side and rank by rank and fight the battles of our Lord, thus bringing to us still greater measures of thankfulness."

The service closed with the singing by the congregation of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. F. Davies.

"A Convict's Daughter."
"A Convict's Daughter" was the play given at the Auditorium last evening by the Keystone Dramatic and Literary club of this part of the city. There was a large attendance. The play is of the melodrama order with a number of sensational scenes, and the scenes were cleverly portrayed by the Keystone members.

The cast of characters was as follows: Gerald Weston, J. J. Thomas; Colonel Matthew Lee, J. J. Boland; James Blackburn, P. J. O'Donnell; Jack Worthington, J. J. Murphy; Robert Pinkerton, Frank Mason; Mrs. Lee, Miss Maggie Barker; Frances, Miss Lillian Doughterty; Sarah, Miss Katie Barker. Specialties were introduced by

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Events of Yesterday.
At the Welsh Baptist Memorial church on Wayne avenue, there were afternoon and evening meetings yesterday, both of a social nature. The pastor, Rev. W. F. Davies, made addresses at each. In the evening the affair was in the hands of the young people of the church and Sunday school and a programme of music and recitations was enjoyed by a large audience.

The Thanksgiving Day dinner and supper served yesterday by the Ladies Aid society of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church were liberally patronized. After the dinner, which afforded a pleasant social time for many of the visitors, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the early afternoon and evening hours. The patronage given the ladies was of the most encouraging nature, and a record for the treasury had a considerable increase. Upwards of four hundred persons partook of dinner and supper.

TOLD IN BRIEF.
The West Ridge and Providence Coal companies' mines were the only operations in North Scranton to work full days yesterday. At the former, however, there was not a full complement of employees, and the breaker ran slow much of the day.

Many of the sidewalks along North Main avenue, which were lower than the recently-laid pave, have been raised the past few days. This work is being hurried on orders from the street commissioner, who wants the walks fixed up before winter sets in.

GREEN RIDGE NOTES.
Congregations of Five Churches Unite in Green Ridge Presbyterian Church—Other Notes.

The union Thanksgiving services at the Green Ridge Presbyterian church yesterday were unusually interesting and impressive. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and white chrysanthemums. There was special music by the choir under the direction of G. E. Whittemore, and a song, "O, praise the Lord," by Miss Verdie Seibert, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Seated on the platform with the pastor, Rev. I. J. Lansing, were Rev. L. R. Foster, assistant pastor, Rev. Dr. W. G. Simpson, pastor of Ashbury M. E. church; Rev. William J. Ford, pastor of Green Ridge Baptist church; Rev. Mr. Messenger, of Primitive M. E. church, and the Rev. Mr. Lees, of the United Evangelical church.

The services opened with the doxology, sung by the congregation, after which Rev. L. R. Foster read the president's Thanksgiving proclamation. Rev. W. G. Simpson offered prayer and the scriptural lesson which was the 145th Psalm was read by Rev. W. J. Ford.

Rev. I. J. Lansing preached the sermon, taking for his text the 17th Psalm. "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him all ye people, for His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

An English statesman had recently made the statement, he said, that the United States was the greatest nation on the earth. We are also the only people who have a national Thanksgiving day. This is more than an annual thanksgiving day. It is the last thanksgiving day of a century, wonderful in its development and progress. Dr. Lansing reviewed the causes we have for thankfulness in the progress of the world during the last century under four heads.

First, the progress of the world of civilization and its influences from the beginning of the century across our own country then to the Sandwich Islands—changed from the home of cannibals to the home of a civilized people sending messages to the islands of the sea. There he pictured the changes in Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa, half a century ago a country without a map and an open sore to the civilized world, now teeming with life from north to south and east to west and receiving the consideration of the whole commercial world.

He noted the abolition of slavery, the work of the missionaries. Take as a sample case the saving of the legation at Peking by the ability of the missionary, who was able to fortify the city because of his military training; the establishment of republics; the spread of education; the power of the common man who is the power of the nation, because what he does is for the benefit of the whole. Lincoln was an example of this class.

"The Merry Milkmaids."
"The Merry Milkmaids," a very pretty little cantata, by Charles H. Gabriel, was rendered last evening before a large audience at the parish of the First Presbyterian church, by the Saturday evening class, under the direction of Chorister G. E. Whittemore, assisted by Miss Jessie Polhemus and Miss Minnie Peck, of the choir, and a number of musicians from the church orchestra.

The music was tuneful and snappy, and each of the principal characters were well chosen and received a liberal amount of well-earned applause. The solo parts were: Queen, Miss Jessie Polhemus; Dainty, Miss Minnie Peck; Monica, Miss Daisy Perry; Ruth, Miss Elizabeth Palmer; Janet, Miss Ethel Sheemaker; Juanita, Miss Jessie Cavelle; Margery, Miss Mary Greeley; Commodore and Beggar, Greer Parke; Doctor and Peddler, Fred Gunsture; Others taking part were G. F. Whittemore, Floyd Fuller, George Huber, Fred Smith, and the Misses Leila Woodruff, Grace Burns, Jeanette Mitchell and Fannie Lindsay. The large and well-drilled chorus were song leaders and gentlemen taken from different Sabbath school classes.

The cantata will be repeated this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and the price of admission will be reduced from twenty-five to ten cents.

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The funeral of Julia Kraemer, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kraemer, of Prospect avenue, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Services were held at the home and cemetery by Rev. Peter Christ, after which interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Anna Martin, Mary Martin, Freda Kraemer, Kate Hamm, and the flower bearers were: Frances Baer and Emma Martin.

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REPORT ON AGRICULTURE
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trict of Columbia, and points out the special danger to children from rabid dogs. Owing to the very serious expense to families in moderate circumstances in subjecting their children to the Pasteur treatment, he recommends either that the owner of a dog whereby he is authorized to pay for such treatment for parties bitten in the district, or that one of the medical services of the government be directed to furnish such treatment free of charge.

The report states that rice received from Porto Rico have been found identical with the well-known Southern cattle tick. The main problem still presented by the Texas fever question is the finding of a dip that will effectively destroy the tick without injuring the cattle. Efforts in this direction are to be continued.

Division of Chemistry.
Elaborate work in the investigation of food adulteration has been continued. Over 500 samples of preserved meats of all kinds, purchased in open market, have been examined. The meat of the horse has been examined for the discovery of a method whereby it may be detected when sold under another name. Very little of it seems to be sold in the United States, whether under its own name or any other name. Active co-operation has been had with other bodies, notably the Pure Food congress, in an effort to secure legislation on the subject of food adulterations. National legislation on the subject is urged as essential to supplement and make efficient the work done in the several states.

Sugar-beet work has been prosecuted with vigor and intelligence. Foreign food products introduced into this country have been the subject of careful study. The results are confidential and are used for information of the authorities of this country controlling imported food products. Co-operation of the chief chemist has been invited in several other directions and always cheerfully extended. So, also, the work done in the several states, the other divisions of the department where chemical work has been necessary.

Seed and Plant Introduction.
Seed and plant introduction receives extensive notice, special stress being laid upon the importation of cereals, including the macaroni wheats of Southern Europe, of grasses and forage plants, and of vegetables which have already demonstrated their value. The Khushu rice introduced from Japan has already added 100,000 bushels annually to the Louisiana rice crop.

The successful introduction of date trees in Arizona is another valuable achievement. In concluding this subject Secretary Wilson cites the introduction of wheats from Russia, Hungary and Austria, great quantities of which are now being raised in the United States should be increased by the introduction of other varieties which mean at the farm a net saving of \$189, an addition of \$26,000,000 to the income of our farmers.

Forestry Work.
There has been a great growth in this work, which is of such a kind as to fully justify additional resources. Moreover, there has been an enormous increase in the demand, both public and private, for services of this character throughout the country. The regulations of the division of forestry with practical lumbermen and tree planters have been closer and more useful than ever before. The total membership of the force at the highest last summer was 1,000. The public interest in forest matters is not only keener and wider than at any time before, but it is growing with rapidity beyond precedent. Co-operation in forest work has been sought of this department by the secretary of the interior in reference to the national forest reserves, and from the forest, fish and game commission of New York, for working plans for the New